

A M E N D M E N T S t o t h e C L A I M S

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method comprising:
receiving an indication of a second telephone that is authorized to monitor a first telephone;
receiving a request from the second telephone to monitor the first telephone;
receiving a status, from the first telephone, which indicates whether the first telephone is using a text messaging feature of the first telephone; and
sending the status to the second telephone.
2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
storing a first identifier that identifies the first telephone and a second identifier that identifies the second telephone; and
sending the first identifier to the second telephone.
3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
verifying good standing of a customer account of the second telephone.
4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a request to register the second telephone, wherein the request includes a digital signature and a second identifier that identifies the second telephone;
registering the second telephone; and
registering the first telephone.

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4, wherein the receiving step further includes the steps of:

receiving a request for a second network address and a security clearance from the second telephone.

6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4, wherein the step of registering the first telephone further includes the steps of:

issuing the first telephone a first network address; and

storing the second network address and the corresponding first identifier.

7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4, wherein the step of registering the second telephone further includes the steps of:

verifying the digital signature;

issuing the second telephone a second network address; and

storing the second network address and the corresponding second identifier.

8. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

sending the first identifier to the second telephone for storage and display.

9. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a request includes

receiving a request to notify the second telephone when a status change of a predetermined condition of the first telephone occurs.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

storing the status change of the predetermined condition.

11. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining if the second telephone is authorized to receive the status of the first telephone.

12. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
encrypting the status with a public key before sending the status to the second telephone.

13. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
recording transmission of the status to the second telephone's customer account.

14. (CANCELED)

15. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicates whether a user of the first telephone has entered at least one predetermined DTMF code into the telephone.

16. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
receiving an acknowledgment from the second telephone of a successful transmission of the status.

17. (ORIGINAL) A computer programmed to perform the method of claim 1.

18. (ORIGINAL) A computer-readable storage medium encoded with instructions for directing a processor to perform the method of claim 1.

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